

**Governor's P-20 Council  
Literacy Committee Meeting  
August 25, 2008 - 2:00 p.m.  
Meeting Notes**

**Location:** 1700 W. Washington, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room A, Phoenix, AZ 85007

**Present:** Daniela Robles, Kristen Rex (telephonic), Carlos Contreras (telephonic), Dr. David Curd, Sally Roof, Shirley Berow, Christine Moore, Erika Conrad (telephonic), JoAnne Lane (telephonic), Paula Hale (telephonic), and Bernie Ronan

**Staff Present:** Debra Raeder, Lauren Kielsmeier, Erin Hart and Claire Parriott

**1. Call to Order and Welcome**

Debra Raeder called the meeting to order at 2:08 pm and welcomed and introduced Daniela Robles, who is a recent appointment to the Governor's P-20 Council and will assume the role of Chair of the Committee. Debra thanked Kristen Rex for her service and leadership as past chair of the Committee. Daniela provided the Committee with a brief bio and then invited those in attendance to introduce themselves.

**2. Presentation and Discussion: ADE Proposed Rule Language - Reading Endorsement**

Kathy Hrabluk was unable to attend the Committee meeting as she is in attendance at the State Board of Education (SBE) meeting, where the proposed rule language for the Reading Endorsement was being presented. Kathy had indicated to staff that she predicted that the SBE would open the rule language for public comment. Staff reported that the Committee's recommendations for edits to the rule language had been sent to Kathy.

**3. Presentation & Update: P-20 Council's Teachers Reading Endorsement Scholarship Program**

Penny Kotterman was also unable to be present for the Committee meeting as she too was at the SBE meeting. Debra made a presentation to the Southern Arizona Literacy Leadership Council and had received a very favorable response and anticipated a partnership in the near future.

**4. Presentation and Discussion: Condition of School Libraries in Arizona**

Sally Roof and Christine Moore provided the Committee with an overview of the white paper they prepared for the Committee on the Condition of Arizona School Library Media Centers. Following the overview, the Committee engaged in discussion and determined the following:

- A need for follow-up discussion with the Department of Education on collecting library data by adding fields pertaining to library media centers to the School Report Card template;
- Research possibility of a Library Research Service such as implemented by Colorado State. Also look at New York, Maryland, and Massachusetts;
- Follow-up with GITA re needs assessment on districts' connectivity;
- A review of the Library Endorsement and implement requirement of coursework in reference, collection development, organization of information, school library administration, child/young adult literature, and leadership;
- Track the Skills Act, which is an amendment to NCLB, and would require highly qualified school librarians in every school;
- Engage in discussion with the Department of Education regarding oversight of school libraries by the Department.

**5. Review/Discussion: Committee Work Plan**

The Committee Work Plan was presented for initial review and discussion in anticipation of the Committee bringing recommendations to the Council to update and revise the current Work Plan. Staff needs to follow-up with County Superintendents on the distribution of the Literacy Toolkits. Shirley indicated that a request could be sent to school librarians to determine if teachers had received the toolkits. Due to time constraints, the Committee will continue review the Work Plan at future meetings.

**6. Next Steps**

- The Committee discussed changing the regular meeting date as the current time conflicts with the SBE meetings. The Committee agreed to change the meeting date to the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, at the same time of 2:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Committee will be on October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Daniela Robles expressed concern about the implementation of HB 2064.
- Sally Roof and Christine Moore will continue to refine the report on the Condition of Arizona School Library Media Centers for discussion by the Committee.

**7. Call to the Public**

There were no requests from the public to address the Committee.

**8. Adjournment**

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.